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1. The declaration of martial law was signed by Gds Lieutenant Colonel Zizonev (fnu) in Annaberg; Colonel Suyazov (fnu), in Aue; and one Koslov (fnu), in Auerbach.
2. At about 10 a.m. on 8 July, a tank unit was entrained at the Justerbog railroad station. Only a few troops and no motor vehicles were observed.¹
3. At 1:30 p.m. on 16 July, 8 T43 tanks, including Nos 201, 203, 206 through 208, 210 and 241; 2 trucks carrying equipment and 30 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were entrained at the Wittenberg freight station. They presumably had come from the Beseler Kaserne.

Comment. Another source observed the entraining of tanks at the Justerbog railroad station as early as 8 July; elements of the 51st Gds Tank Regt of the 6th Gds Tank Div possibly transferred to Wittenberg, from where they returned on 16 July. three troop trains with shipment-record Nos 61854, 61884 and 61885 were dispatched from Wittenberg to Justerbog. It, therefore, is possible that, on 8 July, other elements, in addition to the tanks, left toward Wittenberg.

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